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Joseph Lawry Suicides

Miss Katherine E. Lawry, who is making her home with her uncle and aunt, R. W. Lawry and wife, of this city received a letter from her sister last week stating that her father, Joseph Lawry, had taken his life by shooting himself in the head, dying instantly.

Mr. Lawry and his wife and son and daughter, Samuel and Etta, went to Red Bluff, California September 2, 1907. His death occurred exactly two years to a day after leaving this city.

The following account of the tragedy was clipped from a Red Bluff paper and sent to the deceased's brother, R. W. Lawry, by Miss Etta Lawry, which gives complete particulars:

"On Thursday morning about 7 o'clock J. T. Lawry walked into the kitchen of the home that he left two months ago and saying to his wife, 'I am going on my long journey,' stepped out into the yard and fired a bullet into his right temple and it came out of the top of his head. He died instantly. The family came to Red Bluff from Kansas about two years ago. Recently there has been domestic trouble. About five weeks ago, the deceased published a notice that he would not be responsible for his wife's debts. They had separated about a month before that."

"The deceased worked for Willard Bush & Co. and had a room there. He had gone back occasionally to his former home and his wife stated that they had no serious quarrels. His son, aged 30, had returned from his position as night watchman, at 7 o'clock, and soon after, his father walked into the kitchen. With the remark quoted he fired the fatal shot and his son saw him fall."

"Deceased leaves a wife and six children—J. F. Lawry, of Gardner, Idaho; Katherine and Dan Lawry, of Medicine Lodge, Kansas; Mrs. T. W. Carlton, Galena, Kansas; Samuel W. Lawry and Miss Etta Lawry of Red Bluff, California."

"Justice Ludeman summoned a jury and they rendered a verdict of suicide."

The grief and shock to the son and daughter, Daniel and Miss Katherine Lawry, and the brother, R. W. Lawry, when they received the sad news was indeed hard to bear. The people of this community sympathize with them very deeply.

Played Poker

Mayor Skinner, City Marshal Stevens and Deputies Moss and Gordon and Councilman Wadsworth scented a poker game Saturday night and made a raid on a sextette who were having a social time together. When the officers arrived there was a little confusion, lights were extinguished, furniture waltzed and exits at windows were attempted, but quiet was soon restored, the doors unlocked and the officers admitted. The young men and the officers talked the situation over and it was agreed that no action would be taken until Monday morning when the six reported to Police Judge Kidd. Chas. Detreich and C. B. Kinkaid were fined \$15 and costs, and Arthur Kritzmire, C. L. Simpson, Curtis Papsons and Vestal Cook were fined \$5 and costs. The entire bill was \$86. Of the total amount the four who were fined \$5, contributed \$11 each and the two fined \$15 contributed \$21 each, the city receiving \$50 and the balance being divided among the city attorney, police judge and the marshal.

The adjustment seemed to be amicable to all parties concerned. There is said to have been some "unwritten work" in this case but it is not to be obtained.

Alfalfa Mill in Operation

A. S. Coles put the machinery in motion and ground the first alfalfa meal in his new alfalfa mill last Thursday. The machinery worked nicely and gave entire satisfaction. The meal can be made coarse or fine as desired and the plant has a capacity to supply the trade of the entire county.

Mr. Coles is to be congratulated on his enterprise and The Index bespeaks for him a large trade from our stockmen. The city has long clamored for an alfalfa mill and the people who buy feed should now show their appreciation of Mr. Coles' efforts in a substantial way. That way is to patronize him.

Happily Wedded

Albert Pelton of Sharon and Carrie Hill of Boston, Massachusetts were married at Sharon by Elder S. E. Hendrickson, pastor of the Christian church in that city, Tuesday afternoon, September 7, 1909.

The groom is a son of J. L. Pelton and wife who were one of the first families to settle in Sharon township. The only fault to be urged against him is the fact that he has lived in single loneliness up to his 32nd year, but on the theory that it never is too late to repent, his friends freely forgive him and extend him the glad hand of congratulation. Mr. Pelton is an industrious farmer, thoroughly reliable and religiously upright. He is well known in both Sharon and Medicine Lodge townships and has many friends.

His bride is a stranger here but her judgment is well established in the choice she has made in her life's helpmate.

Ernest Gaddie and Miss Pearl Clarke were married in this city Monday afternoon, September 6, 1909, by Rev. W. A. Cain of Wichita.

The groom is a son of R. D. Gaddie who lives six miles southeast of this city. He is an energetic, ambitious young man of the highest integrity and knows no such word as fail.

The bride is a daughter of James Clarke and wife who reside west of this city. She is a young lady of many accomplishments and counts her friends in great numbers wherever she is known.

She has been phonist in the Ranchmen's telephone office in this city since C. L. Mooman's absence and is a most obliging and efficient operator.

The numerous friends of Mr. Gaddie and his bride wish them a full measure of joy, contentment and prosperity as they enter upon life's new responsibilities.

Ray Balding and Ada Kritzmire, both of whom reside a short distance east of this city, were married at Alva, Oklahoma last Wednesday, September 8, 1909.

The groom is the son of Lewis Balding and wife who have lived here many years and are known by the people of the entire community. Mr. Balding is a young man of exceeding worth and is one of the most prosperous young farmers in this vicinity.

The bride is a daughter of C. W. Kritzmire who is also one of Barber's early settlers. She has a wide circle of friends who value and esteem her highly for her charming personality and pleasant disposition. She has grown from childhood to womanhood here and is well known by everybody.

The Index joins with the countless friends of Mr. and Mrs. Balding in the hope and wish that each day's skies may be a little more brilliant than the preceding one and that health happiness and prosperity may attend them unto a ripe old age.

Domestic Infelicity

George Harwood Easten recently filed a suit for divorce in the district court of Barber county, against his wife, Emily I. Easten. He alleges desertion.

The plaintiff is an ex-subject of King Ed. He has been a citizen of the city and township for several years and has made two trips across the briny deep in an effort to persuade his better half to come to America and live with him but his pleadings remained unanswered and he finally gave up in despair and concluded to annul the partnership and begin life anew in the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Noble & Tinscher are his attorneys.

Olive Conine, by her attorney, Samuel Griffin, filed suit for divorce last Wednesday against her husband, Willard W. Conine. Desertion is alleged.

The plaintiff was formerly Olive Hoy, the divorced wife of C. L. Hoy, formerly of Aetna. This is, therefore, her second divorce proceeding which seems to indicate that she has been exceedingly unfortunate in the kind of men she married.

The defendant Conine has abandoned the domicile and is at large, and further affiant saith not.

Mrs. Kendall Released

Mrs. Mary Kendall, the woman who was held here last week charged with insanity, was released on Friday after a thorough examination which was made by Dr. Coleman. Dr. Coleman stated that while it did not seem right to permit a woman who conducts herself so strangely, to be at large, he could find no physical or mental condition that would justify a finding of insanity and that the state asylum would release her even if a finding of insanity were made.

Mrs. Kendall seemed very glad to be released and she departed as soon as she was given her liberty, for St. John, where she has an idea that her lost or stolen children are. She travels with horse and buggy which she purchased at Hutchinson before coming here, and she has about \$170 in money.

According to her story she and her husband have been traveling most of their lives and her husband was a fortune teller. They came to Kansas from Illinois. She still insists that her husband was either killed or is being shadowed by a band of robbers. She describes him as a man aged 60, snow-white hair, 5 feet 5 inches tall, weight 150 pounds and tattooed on the back of both hands with the Catholic cross. His name is John Kendall. The children which she claims were kidnapped are 10 and 12 years old, a boy and a girl.

The girl has light blue eyes and light yellow hair. The boy has blue eyes and light auburn hair. The girl's name is Victoria and the boy's, Wilbur. She claims they were kidnapped July 30th. The woman herself is about 50 years old and 5 feet six inches tall, her hair partly gray and a worn facial appearance.

Tuesday night of last week she escaped from Mrs. Gordon who was guarding her and got out to Fred Holser's place two miles east of the city before Sheriff Mathews overtook her. At times her conversation is rational but at other times she seems very wild. She claims to be the mother of nine children.

Whether there is any foundation to her stories about her husband and children remains unsettled. No one can be found who knows her. The story that was told last week about her having a small boy with her when she came here is probably a mistake. The party who gave out this report mistook another woman for Mrs. Kendall. It is not likely that the poor woman will return to Barber county. She did not like the idea of being held here.

An Elegant Plant

For the first time since its completion, we had the pleasure of looking over Kiowa's new water and light plant Saturday. It is immense and would do credit to a city of trible population.

A constant water supply of about 184,000 gallons is always available and it is stored in a large tank that stands 100 feet, thus giving a natural pressure for any ordinary purpose, and a concrete, shingle-covered reservoir adjoining which supplies the tank. The reservoir in turn is supplied from a large well on Medicine river which is equipped with a pump throwing 275 gallons per minute, and the beauty of it all is that the water is pure with no chance for it to become contaminated in the least, before reaching the consumer.

The machinery is operated by means of electricity. The dynamo is ample for present needs but the city is now figuring on supplying another, as more light and water are needed.

The power house, in addition to this big dynamo and engine, is reinforced with two large pumps for emergency cases, and the city has water and power at a moment's notice to batter down the largest building in the town.

Kiowa, in some respects, might improve, but its water and light plant is far ahead of that of any city in this part of the state, for which her people are entitled to congratulations.

Mrs. H. J. Hanson departed on Saturday for her home at Hugoton where her husband is cashier of the bank in that city. She had been in Wichita several weeks taking medical treatment and visited a few days last week with her parents, Geo. Likes and wife, at Sun City.

Suits for Slander

Margaret Potter of Gage, Oklahoma filed suits in the district court of Barber county on Saturday against A. S. Huff and Florence Lichlyter of Sharon township for \$5,000 each, damages which she claims due her on account of alleged defamatory letters which she says were written concerning her by each of the defendants.

The suit against Mr. Huff, according to the petition, promises to be quite interesting but the petition in the Lichlyter case is less sensational. It is alleged that Mr. Huff wrote a letter to the postmaster at Gage, Oklahoma, in which the unqualified statement appeared charging that the plaintiff is an unchaste, disreputable woman and the request was made to show the letter around among her neighbors. It is also stated in the letter that James P. Potter, the husband of the plaintiff, stole a little girl from him (Huff) eight months ago and that the plaintiff, Mrs. Potter, is an unfit person to bring up the girl.

In the Lichlyter case it is charged that the defendant, Mrs. Lichlyter, wrote a letter to Zetta Miller, at Gage, Oklahoma, in which she said Mrs. Potter had 5 or 6 children and she did not know how many more—that Mr. Potter would bring them back in baskets, two or three at a time. The letter also says that the plaintiff would not tell the truth.

L. W. Fullerton, of this city, and M. C. Cavanaugh, Henry Drake and L. P. Graves of Hazelton are given as references in one of the letters.

Mrs. Lichlyter has employed Samuel Griffin to represent her and she may also employ additional counsel. Mr. Huff has not yet retained a lawyer but Mr. Griffin will probably represent him also.

Edward F. Clarke of Woodward, Oklahoma and Noble & Tinscher of this city represent Mrs. Potter. If everything connected with these cases is to be thoroughly aired the trials will be interesting.

Hurt in a Runaway

Abe Fuller was badly bruised in a runaway last Thursday morning. He was loading a large tank on a hay rack at his brother's, Wm. Fuller's, barn in the south part of town, being assisted by his brother, and when the tank was partly loaded the mules became frightened at it and ran. Abe was thrown from the wagon and the hay-rack was whirled around, striking him on the breast and wedging him between the rack and a large post. The mules ran only about 200 feet when they were stopped.

Dr. Gilbert was phoned and arrived a few minutes after the accident. He found Mr. Fuller severely bruised on the breast, back and head but no bones were broken. Internal injuries were feared but late developments indicate that he is not injured inwardly. One ear was badly cut, in fact nearly torn off, but it will resume normal shape.

Those who saw the accident say it is almost a miracle that Mr. Fuller was not crushed to death.

Lost One; Won One

The Medicine Lodge base ball boys played ball at the Harper fair last Wednesday and Thursday. They played Kingman the first day and lost in a score of 18 to 3, and the second game was played with Cherokee, which they won in a score of 6 to 4. The boys seemed to be afflicted with "stage fright" the first day and they played wild ball but the next day they "got right" and put up a good game. Gene Drauhard of Danville pitched the game against Kingman and Davis pitched the game against Cherokee. The Kingman boys landed on Drauhard hard all through the first game but Davis had the Cherokee boys all through the second.

If you want to paint your buggy, wagon or anything else go to Dwight Mills's shop and buy it and you will get results.

For Sale: New five-room house on N. Main street. Call on or address, E. L. Taber, Medicine Lodge, Kansas.

My prices on pianos are the lowest. Call and see them. Ralph L. Ewing.

Cole Merc. Co. have the stock and are making the prices.

Wm. Inglebright Dead

After suffering more than five years with chronic organic complications, Wm. Inglebright finally gave up the struggle and passed peacefully away at 6 o'clock p. m., Saturday, September 11, 1909. He was bedfast during the past two years and practically helpless for three years so that death was a welcomed relief.

The funeral was held at the residence on south Walnut at 3 p. m. Sunday, September 12th, conducted by Rev. Imboden, and the body laid to rest in Highland cemetery.

The deceased was born in Washington county, Pa., March 17, 1814—died in Medicine Lodge, Kansas, September 11, 1909, aged 95 years, 5 months and 24 days.

In 1835 he came to this city from Ohio and invested a considerable quantity of wealth, making his home with his niece, Mrs. Wm. Fuller who was then Miss Mary Lytle.

His wife preceded him in death nineteen years ago. One son and three daughters survive, all of whom live in the east, none of whom attended the funeral.

Mr. Inglebright was a strong man in his day and a shrewd financier. He leaves a comfortable estate. Few persons live to such an advanced age.

Chester Martin Insane

Chester Martin, oldest son of G. M. Martin and wife of this city, is suffering with what seems to be a mild form of insanity. On Monday evening his father phoned to Sheriff Mathews to come to the residence and take Chester into custody. The sheriff came and took him in charge.

On Tuesday morning his father made the formal affidavit asking for an inquiry into the young man's mental condition.

Dr. Coleman, examining physician, made a thorough examination at 11:30 yesterday forenoon and reported that the patient was insane. Judge Garrison then appointed Drs. Gilbert and Kociell as physicians' commission to hear the evidence and pass on the question. The case occupied most of yesterday afternoon and at the hour the forms of the paper were closed there did not seem to be much doubt that the patient would be adjudged insane.

Chester has acted strangely for some time, but on Monday evening his excitement was very much greater than usual. He fancied that Lute Axline was shadowing him and intended to kill him. He said that he had just learned that Mr. Axline had him down on his list as a tramp and that he (Axline) has a special hatred for tramps. Chester had been furnishing the motive power on the Cresset's printing press and this is probably why he associates Mr. Axline with his imaginations.

This misfortune is to be regretted and we sincerely hope that the affection is only temporary.

Jas. Dobbs came in from Wichita yesterday morning to look after some business matters. He returns home this morning.

Mrs. W. H. McCague went to Alva on Monday to visit with her parents, J. D. Pursell and wife. Mr. McCague and son, Thomas P., will join her there on Thursday and will remain over Sunday. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Pursell will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary, which is the 50th year of their married life. All their sons and daughters and grand children will be present as well as several of the brothers and sisters of both. It will be a great day in the Pursell home and their old Barber county neighbors and friends send them greetings.

Thos. Balmer and Geo. Heydenreich of Nippawalla returned Tuesday afternoon of last week from a three weeks prospective trip to Wyoming. They put in most of their time in the irrigating belt at Meeteetsee and they are "smitten" with the country. Both have land propositions under consideration and it is possible that they may invest. Mr. Balmer has lived in that country before. In fact it is there that he got into the plutocratic class by operating a sheep ranch. We believe, though, that even if they buy Wyoming land they will still live here and draw their dividends without changing headquarters.

New remnants every day—at Cole's.

Dining room girl wanted at once. Commercial Hotel, Attica, Kans.

Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Cain departed last Wednesday for their home in Wichita after a pleasant visit of two weeks with friends in the city.

Mrs. W. S. Gant and daughter went to Winfield last week to visit with Mrs. Gant's parents, Wm. Wood and wife. They will return home this week.

Ben English and family are moving to their recently purchased farm five miles southwest of Attica this week. He has a fine farm well watered by springs and a crop has never known to fail. We dislike very much to see this family leave the county. They have lived in old Barber 30 years.

In addition to securing a hung jury (10 for conviction and two for acquittal) the Hazelton butcher who was tried in his home town on a charge of slaughtering big-jaw cattle, has the satisfaction of knowing that he has also been acquitted by the Medicine Lodge Cresset which declares that he was absolutely innocent, without hearing any part of the evidence.

We suspected it—now we know it. The historic old Medicine up near Lake City is "spiked" or else cattle up in that vicinity are growing as large as the horses. Judge Lester is quoted as saying, in last week's Cresset, that it took 24 cars to contain 100 head of cattle which is only a fraction more than 4 head to a car. If they keep on raising such monstrous cattle and horses as have been reported from that burg the past several weeks we'll forget all about Cook and Peary.

On his return from West Plains, Missouri, last week John Finley brought back some nice big red apples grown in that country this season. They look mighty fine to Kansas people who "lost out" almost completely on fruit this year by reason of a warm March and later frosts. The Finley Bros. are well pleased with their investment in that country and so far have not changed their intention of moving there next spring.

W. R. Forsyth and wife and J. S. Runyan and wife returned home from their summer's trip last Wednesday. Their itinerary included the chief cities of Colorado, Utah, California, Washington and up to Victoria, Canada. The big cities visited were Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Seattle, U. S. A., and Victoria, Canada. All were in the best of health during the entire outing and enjoyed every moment of the journey. Mr. Runyan, especially, put on flesh and fat until he resembles a Chicago alderman.

At the preliminary hearing of Hode Hall on Tuesday afternoon of last week, the defendant was bound over to await trial in the district court which convenes next month. Hall is the young man who is charged with stealing a gold watch belonging to Mrs. B. E. Wadsworth, and also some gloves belonging to Mr. Wadsworth. He has confessed to stealing the gloves but denies stealing the watch. Judge Collins fixed his bond at \$300 and his uncle, W. W. Elliott, signed the bond. County Attorney Field is prosecuting the case and Samuel Griffin is defending Hall.

Frank Newman left on Saturday for Kinsley, Kansas, where he has leased a fine farm in the Arkansas river valley. Mrs. Newman left on Monday. Their farm adjoins E. E. Bland's, formerly of Sharon. Mrs. Newman made her home with Mrs. Bland before her marriage and the ties between the two families are naturally close. Mr. Newman says that he has no complaint make against Barber. Even this year his corn averaged better than 12 bushels per acre, which is remarkable for this immediate vicinity which did not have a good rain for more than three months. Frank is an exceptionally good farmer, a fine man personally and just the kind of a citizen a country needs to make it prosper. Barber loses a first class man to Edwards in his removal to Kinsley.

Your dollars go farthest at Cole's.